GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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PURCHASE OF STATIONERY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

a) whether there is no provision in the general financial rules according to which the Government offices can be compelled to make purchases of Stationery and other items from a particular organisation or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also aware that many Government offices are not following the DoP&T OM dated July, 14, 1981 and are purchasing the items directly through quotations or calling tenders like the Expenditure Department of the Ministry;

(d) if so, the reasons for all the Government offices not following those orders;

(e) whether there is any proposal to make it obligatory on Government offices to follow strictly the provisions of the GFR with immediate effect;

(f) if so, whether the same situation still continue as the one when the exemption of GFR was issued on July, 14, 1981; and

(g) if not, the reasons for the delay in withdrawing that exemption forthwith?

Answer

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (g) With a view to promote cooperative movement, Department of Personnel & Training(DOP&T) in consultation with this Ministry had issued an Order dated 14.7.1981 which made it incumbem: on all Central Government Departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organisations financed and!, or, controlled by Government to make all local purchases of stationery and other items only from Kendriya Bhandar in relaxation of the procedure of inviting tenders! quotations prescribed in GFRs. Similar concessions were subsequently extended to Super Bazaar in 1987 and to NCCF in ~994 by DOP&T without consulting Ministry of Finance.

However, keeping in view the ongoing policy of liberalisation of the economy and the emphasis on making Govt. organisations competitive and self-striving, the question of reviewing the existing special dispensation given to Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazaar and NCCF ` and insteadfollowing the provisiol1:s of GFRs has been under active consideration and the DOP&T wasrequested to review their O.M. dated 14.7.1981 and adopt the provisions of GFRs , withsuitable safeguards for protecting the interest of the three cooperatives.

Keeping in tune with the decisions taken by this Ministry, Deptt. of Expenditure hasinvited open tenders for the purchase of stationery items by way of public advertisements released in two dailies on 17.3 .2002.